



FREEDOM LODGE NO. 118 TRESTLEBOARD

The Southern Least Lodge in Virginia

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From the East

Brethren,

With Grand Lodge happening this weekend, please remember that our November stated will be the Friday following Grand Lodge, November 14th, where we will welcome our new District Deputy Grand Master Mark Joshua Canter.

I would like to wish each and every one of you a happy Thanksgiving and hope that you will all be able to get together with your families and loved ones and praise God for our wonderful bounty!

Our November stated will be a Warden's Night, or a step-up meeting where the new officers will assume their new positions and execute those offices.

Please make every effort to attend our Called Communication on Dec. 17 at 7p for the purpose of conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree on Samuel James Colston. As his is the first new EA in a long time, let's show him all of the support that we can!

As your Worshipful Master missed the sign-up date for Toys for Tots, we will not be doing that event as we did last year. For this year, please bring your donations to the lodge and we will have them taken over to the community center for collection after our December stated meeting. If we can be as generous as we were last year it should be quite a donation!

Please also reach out to your brothers and neighbors to see if any need assistance in clearing their leaves or downed branches after the winds we've recently had. Remember that service to others is one of the hallmarks of our fraternity.

For those of you who are still behind on your dues, please make every effort to get current before the next Masonic year starts and the new dues are due. Dues notices for 2026 will go out after the conclusion of Grand Lodge.

Please keep Bro. Nebo Todorovic in your prayers as he has been dealing with a bout of Covid.

Wes Hirschhorn

Worshipful Master

The View from The West

Living Past Masters	
Brother	Year(s) Served
Larry D. Frye	1983, 2005-2007
Roy Harris McGarrah, Jr.	1992-1995, 2011
Clifford S. Free	1996-1999
Richard A. Phillips	2000-2003
Gary R. Ing	2004
George M. Shoemaker, Jr.	2008-2010
Philip Brooks	2012, 2014, 2023
Thomas W. Brierton	2013
J. David King	2016
Chuck Wyant	2017
Wes Hirschhorn	2018, 2025
Mark Canter	2020-2021
Matthew T. Duley	2022-2024

2025 Freedom Lodge No. 118 Officers

Worshipful Master: Wes Hirschhorn, PM
Senior Warden: Bro. Bill Hohl
Junior Warden: Bro. Brad Westerman
Treasurer: Bro. David Kirk
Secretary: Matt Duley, PM
Senior Deacon: Bro. Cameron Gore
Junior Deacon: Bro. Al Ericson
Chaplain: Bro. Dan Sucic
Tiler: Greg Valker, PDDGM

Lodge Instructor of Work (LIW): Harris McGarrah, PDDGM
Lodge Education Officer (LEO): Phil Brooks, PDDGM
Lodge MAHOVA Ambassador: Bro. Dejan Kocic
Blood Coordinators: Greg Valker, PDDGM (regional)
Bro. David Kirk (local)
District Education Officer RW Rhey Solomon
District Instructor of Work RW Chris Thompson

Masonic Birthdays;

Shannon Stong	11-11
Larry Frye	11-11
Ghorley Gregg	11-11
Michael Cooper	11-12
Ralph Cavalieri	11-20
Blake Gillenwater	11-22
Romano Bolkovic	11-23
Matt Duley	11-26

District 2 News

District 2 ritual schools will be held in conjunctions with and immediately following the D2 Masters & Wardens meetings which are held on the first Wednesday of the month (which are scheduled to start at 7:00pm following a 6:30pm potluck). The July meeting has been cancelled and will resume on August 4.

All Master Masons are welcome to attend the Ritual Schools, and all Line Officers are specifically encouraged to attend *as many as they can*. As a reminder, Line Officers are expected to be proficient in all three degrees in order to earn your Warden's Certificate which is required in order to assume the office of Worshipful Master.

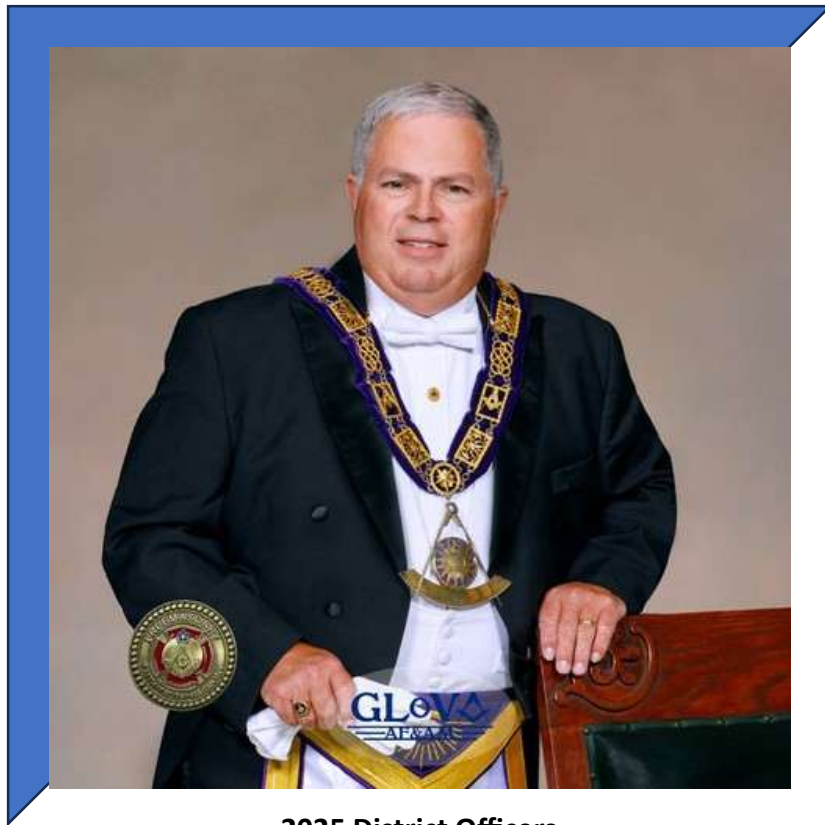
As a reminder, Freedom Lodge has its own ritual schools on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. We meet at a local dinery for a meal and fellowship, then repair to the lodge for ritual work. I heartily encourage each of you to attend either ours or the District's schools for work. A reminder for the line officers that each of you must be able to open, close and execute the degree ritual for all three degrees in order to obtain your Warden's Certificate which is required in order to assume the Master's station in the East.

Upcoming Events:

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Nov 3	Olive Branch 114 Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
Nov 7 & 8	Grand Lodge	8:30 am
Nov 11	Ashburn-Sterling 288 Stated Meeting	7:30 pm
Nov 14	Freedom 118 Stated	7:00 pm
Nov 17	Herndon 264 Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
Nov 19	Freedom 118 Meet-up	7:00 pm
Nov 20	Hamilton-Thompson #37 Stated Meeting	6:30 pm
Dec 17	Called Communication for Sam Colston's EA Degree	7:00 pm

2025 Grand Master

Most Worshipful Gary Dwight Huffman



2025 District Officers

DDGM: RW Eric James LeHew

DIW: RW Christopher Conway Thompson

DEO: to be named



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AND THE GUARANTEE OF EQUAL RIGHTS TO ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE OUR
ULTIMATE GOAL.

Reunions to bring in new members are held in April and October each year to

communicate and confer the Scottish Rite degrees at the conclusion of which you will be a 32nd degree Mason of the Royal Secret. The Scottish Rite Representative for Freedom Lodge is currently Wor. Matt Duley. Brochures with more information are available in the dining hall for more details, or visit <https://www.alexandriascottishrite.org/>